Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Karen Popp has dedicated the past 25 years to serving the health and nutrition needs of South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, Karen joined the South Dakota Department of Health in 1979 as a Community Health Nurse and has worked with more than 2,000 STD clients, 3,000 Family Planning clients, 500 Baby Care clients, 200 TB clients, and 10,000 WIC clients; and,

Whereas, Karen was the school nurse for St. Paul's Lutheran and Calvary Christian Schools, and assisted with smallpox and influenza vaccination clinics to serve the citizens of western South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Karen has been an active member of the South Dakota Public Health Association and received the outstanding professional award for her work with STD clinics; and,

Whereas, Karen has successfully saved the lives of more than 50 infants who came into WIC clinics with critical health issues; and,

Whereas, Karen has made a difference in the lives of many clients by improving their health status and by encouraging reading through the Reach Out and Read Program; and,

Whereas, Karen is a valued member of the South Dakota Department of Health's Rapid City Community Health Services office; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement from the South Dakota Department of Health on April 23, 2004;

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2004, as

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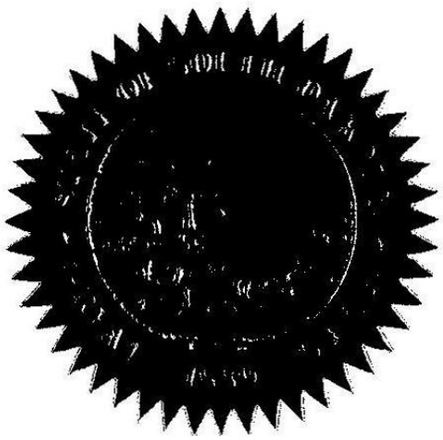
in South Dakota, and I join with her family, friends, and colleagues in wishing her well in her retirement and thanking Karen for her service to the state of South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State